

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

**Subject**

Screening of Tax-Deeded Land for Possible Public Use

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**Purpose**

To provide the Treasurer-Tax Collector and the Department of General Services with authority for screening Power to Sell properties for possible public use.

**Background**

Each year a number of parcels of land in the County become eligible for either public acquisition or sale to private individuals by the recording of a Power to Sell Notice for delinquent taxes. If a public agency is interested in such lands (for public use - road, park, fire stations, etc.) it is withheld from public sale, thus giving the public agency the opportunity to acquire land at a reduced cost.

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3700 requires the Treasurer-Tax Collector to notify non-County taxing agencies of such Power to Sell properties that are in their jurisdictions.

It is beneficial that there be a program for screening Power to Sell properties located in the unincorporated area of the County to determine if there is any public use for such land before it is offered for sale to private parties.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall notify the Chief Administrative Officer of such Power to Sell properties in sufficient time to determine the potential benefit to the County in acquiring such properties for public use. The Chief Administrative Officer will coordinate any desired acquisitions with the Treasurer-Tax Collector.

**Sunset Date**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-09.

**Board Action**

8-28-56 (62)	6-23-69 (98)	6-20-89 (63)
4-21-59 (18)	5-19-70 (61)	12-12-89 (49)
4-13-59 (CAO) Letter)	7-26-88 (43)	6-15-04 (25)

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